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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
ACCEPT THREE LETTERS OF ALLOCATION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE  
MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING  
PROGRAM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 10, 2012, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the Letter of Allocation (LOA) from the California Department of Public Health, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division (CDPH) that extend the term through June 30, 2017, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this delegated authority, I will accept three LOAs from CDPH for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, consisting of federal Title V funds in the total amount of \$2,873,960, as follows:

- 1) LOA Number 201319-1, issued March 10, 2014, in the amount of \$1,039,133 for maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting (MIECHV) services in Service Planning Areas (SPA) 2, 3, and 7;
- 2) LOA Number 201319-2, issued April 18, 2014, in the amount of \$1,039,133 for MIECHV services in the Los Angeles Unified School District; and
- 3) LOA Number 201319-3, issued April 18, 2004, in the amount of \$795,694 for MIECHV services in SPA 1.

This funding allows the Department of Public Health (DPH) to continue to support evidence-based MIECHV Programs that provide effective coordination and delivery of critical health, development, early learning, child abuse and neglect prevention, and family support services to pregnant women, their newborns, young children, and families. The home visiting programs play a crucial role in the national effort to build quality, comprehensive statewide early childhood systems for pregnant women, parents and caregivers, and children from birth to eight years of age residing in identified at-risk communities.

In 2011, the State applied for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) administered grant for MIECHV funds. HRSA required that the State identify at-risk communities in need of home visitation services and select evidence-based home visiting models from a list of seven approved models to be used to provide services to the identified at-risk communities. The State conducted a competitive process to select at-risk communities within local counties that could implement the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Healthy Families America (HFA) programs. The County of Los Angeles was awarded funding to build upon existing programs in at-risk communities that were already implementing the HFA and NFP models. The State identified SPAs 1, 2, 3, and 7 as well as the LAUSD as at-risk communities and selected the HFA and NFP models for the provision of services to SPA 1 and SPAs 2, 3, and 7 and the LAUSD, respectively. DPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs provides NFP services in SPAs 4, 6, and 8. Communities within SPA 5 have not been identified as at-risk communities and are not eligible for services.

The HFA and NFP models selected by the State are proprietary models that can only be implemented by organizations that are currently contracted franchisees of the applicable national service office. Since 2002, the HFA model has been used by Antelope Valley Partners for Health to provide home visitation services to urban and rural families throughout the Antelope Valley. Since 2009, the LAUSD, in partnership with DPH, has been using the NFP model to provide home visitation services to pregnant teens and teen moms in various schools located in at-risk communities.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the LOAs as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
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